



## KULIOUOU/KALANI IKI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 2

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### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING KULI'OU'OU-KALANI IKI NB NO. 2 THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2006 AINA HAINA PUBLIC LIBRARY

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Bob Chuck called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM with a quorum present. He welcomed everyone to the March meeting of the Kuli'ou'ou-Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 2.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob Chuck, Ed Schell, Al Andrews, Ted Ashworth, Jeannine Johnson, Fran Kagawa, Bertha Leong, Michael Parke, P. Anne Rautio, Jack Schneider, Sheri Spangler, Linda Starr, Kimo Sutton and Joseph Young.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bernie Boltz, Karen Narimasu, and Jamal Siddiqui (excused).

**GUESTS:** Senator Sam Slom, Representative Barbara Marumoto (and Karen Tsukiyama), Representative Lyla Berg, Hal Barnes, Special Assistant to the Mayor (Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative), Councilmember Charles Djou (and Francisco "Chico" Figueiredo and Nolan Kido from Councilmember Djou's Office); Lt. Abner Delima, Sgt. Patrice Gionson and Officer Ryan Kalahiki (Honolulu Police Department, District 7); Captain Juvie Coito (Honolulu Fire Department, Wailupe Station), Bruce Hong, Cindy Schultz, Roberta Choy (William Charles Lunalilo Trust/King Lunalilo Adult Care Center), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chair Chuck made the following announcements:

1. Aina Haina School's Fun Day will be on Sunday, March 5, 2006, from 10:30 AM until 3:00 PM.
2. Mr. Charley Young, father of Board member Linda Starr passed away on Friday, 02-24-2006 at Straub Hospital. Mr. Young was an active member of the Kuli'ou'ou-Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 2 from 1979 to 1987. He convinced his daughter, Linda Young Starr to be a candidate for this Neighborhood Board; and she has been serving on this Board continually since 1987. The minutes of our March meeting will show that Mr. Charles H.U. Young's service to the community at-large and to the Neighborhood Board No. 2 communities is greatly appreciated.
3. The City Department of Transportation services announced that the makai marked crosswalk at the intersection of West Hind Drive and Makalena Street in Aina Haina will be removed at the request of the Aina Haina School due to safety crossing concerns for their students. Chair Chuck mentioned that he has no objections to the removal of that crosswalk. The Aina Haina Community Association was not notified.
4. Concerning Waldorf High School, Chair Chuck mentioned that Waldorf High School made a presentation at last month's meeting and Councilmember Charles Djou said that he would write a letter to Mr. Henry Eng, Director of the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP). Mr. Eng's response to Councilmember Charles Djou's office was dated February 21, 2006 and it mentioned a very significant statement that:  
"to date, no application has been made for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the expansion into a high school. The applicant must provide written notice of the presentation to owners of all properties adjoining the project site."

Chair Chuck mentioned that sometimes the applicant would send notices to the wrong addresses, so he would follow up on that. Mr. Eng's letter went on to say that:

"This usually provides the Neighborhood Board and neighbors with basic information about the proposal and gives them an ample opportunity to ask questions and to raise their concerns."

Chair Chuck mentioned that the Kuli'ou'ou-Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 2 has raised significant concerns and has passed a motion not to favor nor to support the establishment of any high school in Niu Valley. Mr. Eng's letter went on to say that:



"Once the Department of Planning and Permitting has accepted an application for a CUP, adjoining property owners will be asked whether they wish to have a public hearing on the proposed project. And asked if they feel the project may have potentially adverse external effects on the immediate neighborhood. If, in the judgment of the Director, there is sufficient cause to hold a public hearing, the Director will hold one, no sooner than forty-five days from the Director's acceptance of the application."

Chair Chuck mentioned to Board member Jeannine Johnson that she and the residents of Niu Valley need to keep alert, to prepare written statements of fact and information, and to call on Mr. Eng to hold a public hearing.

Board member Sheri Spangler asked if Mr. Eng received a letter from the Board that reflected last's month's motion to oppose the high school and asked why did Chair Chuck not send it out yet.

Chair Chuck stated that he wanted to wait to read the passed-motion after the minutes were approved by this Board, and he also wanted to ask "Chico" Figueiredo for a copy of Councilmember Charles Djou's letter to Mr. Henry Eng. Chair Chuck said he would send the letter shortly, using the wording from the approved minutes.

Board member Sheri Spangler stated that at last month's meeting that the audience should have been notified that the letter would go out only after the minutes were approved. Chair Chuck disagreed and mentioned that the letter would go out soon.

In summary, Chair Chuck suggested to Board member Johnson that she continue communicating with the people neighboring the Waldorf School property, and that they need to have written material sent to Director Henry Eng that supports why they want him to hold a public hearing, so that he may directly hear the many reasons, issues, and concerns that they have.

**HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT (HFD):** Captain Juvie Coito distributed the March 2006 report, which had the following:

1. There were 14 fires and a total of 38 emergency calls for service. These were 35 medical emergencies, 1 search and rescue, and 2 miscellaneous service calls. There were no major or unusual incidents.
2. Fire Safety Tip: Brush fires cause great damage to our environment and communities, and brush fires use fire department resources that could be better used elsewhere. Be responsible and dispose of all fires properly. Even small sources of fire, such as burning cigarettes and charcoal, can cause immense destruction. Work together within your community to make it safer. Make and maintain a 30-foot wide firebreak by clearing the vegetation that surrounds all structures. Report and remove potential hazards. Communicate with each other. Formulate plans for yourself, your family, and your neighborhood in case of emergencies. Now is the time to plan and prepare for the upcoming autumn brush fire season.

If you are interested in creating a fire-safe space around your home, street, or community, you may contact Denise Laitinen of Firewise at (808) 281-3497 or go on the internet to: [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org).

3. Concerning the two questions from last month for Captain Young-When Board member Johnson asked if HFD had determined the cause of the fire at 215 West Halemaumau Street on November 19, 2005 at 4:00 AM, Captain Coito replied that the cause was still under investigation. He was at that fire and it may be an unattended cigarette or an electrical appliance.
4. Board member Bertha Leong had asked HFD to check for fire hazards at 6420 Oio Street. Captain Young drove through the neighborhood, but didn't see any houses he considered a fire hazard. Captain Coito mentioned that they usually report unsafe conditions to the building department or the Department of Health. One building has been razed on Lawelawe Street, and another questionable house next door is still being monitored. He would follow up on the 6420 Oio Street location.
5. Captain Coito distributed two copies of the Firewise brochure. For more information, contact Denise Laitinen, the community liaison, ask for the Firewise brochure at 281-3497 or go to [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org).

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. Board member Linda Starr asked about the Emergency Medical Services policies and procedures. Last month when she had a medical emergency and was taken in an ambulance, she requested the Queen's Medical Center. However, when her father had his medical emergency on 02-24-2006, her mom was told they would be taken to Straub Hospital instead. Captain Coito explained that usually they go to the patient's choice or the nearest hospital within the district, unless there is a "re-route" when the first choice is too busy.
2. Hal Senter, Department of Planning and Permitting and an Aina Haina resident, said he appreciated the EMS prompt and caring response for the many times they came to his home to transport his daughter when she had a diabetic induced emergency.
3. Board member Starr added that for the two times that she had to call for EMS (first on 02-15-2001 when her husband had severe difficulty breathing, and second on 02-19-2006 when she had a severe reaction to new medication) the EMS (ambulance and fire truck) arrived at her home very quickly, in less than 5-minutes after her phone call.

**Citizens' Concerns Regarding Fire:** Including Responses from Firefighters

There were none.

Chair Chuck thanked Captain Coito for attending the meeting.

**HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT (HPD):** Officer Ryan Kalahiki distributed the monthly report and highlighted the following:

Statistics for this month compared with last month included: Beat 768 -burglaries 3/7, UEMV (unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle) 3/2, thefts 2/2; Beat 770 - burglaries 2/1, UEMV 1/0, thefts 2/5; and Beat 772 - burglaries 0/5, UEMV 3/2, thefts 2/1.

The HPD handout had a map showing the beat locations, a report from the HPD Narcotics/Vice Division, a press release about a storm drain stenciling project and nine anti-pollution tips.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. Representative Barbara Marumoto asked for HPD help with the "Keiki ID" program at Kahala Mall for the Kahala Business Association, on Saturday, April 8 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
2. Board member Kimo Sutton asked about a burglary suspect, who got beat up, but not by the police.

**Citizens' Concerns Regarding Police:** - Including Responses from Police

1. Sgt. Patrice Gionson mentioned that cars are "broken" into, because of unlocked doors and suggested this Board put a reminder in the newsletter that residents remember to lock their car doors. They have a suspect identified.
2. Board member Johnson asked if the suspect was the guy living in a cave in Niu Valley. Sgt. Gionson replied that he did not know where the suspect was from, but he was arrested and released.
3. Board member Sheri Spangler asked where these car break-ins were occurring, Sgt. Gionson replied, in Niu Valley.

Chair Chuck thanked the HPD and excused them so they could return to duty.

**RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:**

**King Lunalilo Adult Care Center in Hawaii Kai:** Roberta Choy of the Lunalilo Homes and King Lunalilo Adult Care Center in Hawaii Kai wanted to announce that about a year ago they started new programs (and opened

them to every ethnicity), like Adult day care, respite care, and home delivery of meals. Starting in March 2006, their programs are now available on Saturdays. She invited everyone to "Adopt a Kupuna" and volunteer. She passed out brochures and flyers. Her phone number is 395-1000.

She also mentioned their Senior Community Employment Program, which helps seniors get part-time employment with non-profit organizations.

1. Board member Sutton asked how many adult care centers are in East Honolulu, Choy replied that they are the only one.
2. Chair Chuck asked if there were a cost for the adult care, Choy replied that there is a cost, and that they were a vendor for "Meals on Wheels."
3. Board member Johnson wanted to state "for the record" that she objected to Mayor Mufi Hannemann's giving thousands of dollars (\$100,000) to the Palolo Chinese Home, but nothing to the Hawaiians at Lunalilo Homes.
4. Board member Starr asked about emergency evacuation plans for their elderly and possibly medically fragile clients. Choy replied that in case of a hurricane, they would probably evacuate the staff and their clients to nearby Kaiser High School Cafeteria. In the past, they would have evacuated to their Marconi Building, which was built in the 1800s and is very solid.

Chair Chuck thanked Choy for the information.

Residents' Concerns (continued)-

**Koko Head Lions Club Annual Fund Raiser:** Board member Linda Starr wanted to announce that the Aina Haina Koko Head Lions Club was having their annual fundraiser, a Moala Chicken Sale, on the morning of Sunday, April 9, 2006, at the front of Aina Haina School.

There were no other residents' concerns.

**BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY (BWS):** Scot Muraoka distributed the BWS March report and highlighted the following:

1. There were no water main breaks for February.
2. Detect-A-Leak Week is March 5-11, 2006. The Board of Water Supply wants to make sure you know how to find hidden water-wasters year-round.
  - a. Check your house periodically for leaks. This should be integral to your overall maintenance efforts, as it can save you money in the long run by reducing unnecessary water waste in your home. To see if you have a property leak:
    - i. Make sure you turn off all the devices that use water in your home.
    - ii. Go out to your water meter and check to see if the red arrow or small black triangle on the meter is still moving. If so, you have a leak somewhere on your property.
    - iii. Call a licensed plumber to find the leak and fix it.
  - b. Check your toilets, because the toilet is one of the largest water-using fixture in your house, it can also be one of the largest water-waster too. To see if you have a leaky toilet:
    - i. Remove your toilet tank cover and drop in a blue dye tablet (you can get them from the Board of Water Supply) or a couple of drops of food coloring.
    - ii. Wait 10-15 minutes. If the blue color appears in the toilet bowl, you have a leak.
    - iii. Check your toilet's flapper valve and replace if necessary, or call your plumber.

3. Last month Scot reported that a private contractor was allowed to park vehicles on BWS property along Kalanianaʻole Highway. The BWS has reevaluated their policy and practice, and as a result, parking is no longer allowed, because of potential liability and security issues. There is now a temporary fence fronting the BWS property until the construction project is finished.

Chair Chuck thanked Muraoka.

**APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:** The following correction was made:

Page 2, number 5., under Citizen's Concerns Regarding Police – Including Responses from Police, it should read, "HPD Capt. Marie McCauley said that police officers are told to act and document their activity with reports that are forwarded to the DLNR."

Chair Chuck thanked Board members Linda Starr and Jeannine Johnson and Neighborhood Assistant Ho for getting the minutes out on time.

Vice Chair Ed Schell moved and Board member Jack Schneider seconded to accept the February 2, 2006 regular meeting minutes as corrected. The motion was adopted unanimously, 14-0-0.

**Purchase Meeting Sign for Kuli'ou'ou-Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 2 (NBD2):** Chair Chuck asked if there were any objection to moving to agenda item 11.1 Purchase of meeting sign for Kuli'ou'ou-Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 2 (NBD2) meetings. Hearing no objection, Chair Chuck changed the order of the agenda. He mentioned that the Board was not able to get to this item at last month's meeting, because it went so late.

Chair Chuck mentioned that the sign would be prominently displayed the morning of the first Thursday of the month to announce the Neighborhood Board meeting. It should be placed to be seen by people driving to Aina Haina Valley.

Board member Johnson said the sign would look like a realtor's "For-Sale" sign, but with the words "Neighborhood Board Meeting Tonight" and an arrow pointing the direction. She reported that the sign would cost around \$62.00, plus tax. Treasurer Al Andrews reported that there is \$1,211.00 in the publicity budget, because the Board has not yet made any expenditures.

Since Chair Chuck is responsible to get and return the meeting room key, he will ask the Aina Haina Public Library's permission to store the sign in the library. Vice Chair Schell volunteered to set up and take down the Board's sign.

A Board member mentioned that a few years ago, his group put a sign on the median strip on Kalanianaʻole Highway and suggested buying two signs, one for Kalanianaʻole Highway, the other for West Hind Drive. Board member Starr mentioned that the first 15 feet (or so) on West Hind Drive from Kalanianaʻole Highway belongs to the State and we would need to get their permission. Someone mentioned talking to the service station owner. Chair Chuck agreed that getting two signs was a good idea. He added that they would work with the Neighborhood Assistant to get the purchase order.

Board member Kimo Sutton moved and Vice Chair Ed Schell seconded that the Board authorizes Board member Jeannine Johnson to purchase two signs to announce the Kuli'ou'ou-Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 2 meetings, and that she is to use Board funds to acquire the signs. The motion carried, unanimously, 14-0-0.

The order of the agenda was restored.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

**The East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan (EHSCP) Five-Year Review-** Chair Chuck gave some background information. He had assigned Board members Sheri Spangler and Linda Starr to review the EHSCP for this 17-member Board. They will give their input later tonight.

Harold Senter, City Department of Planning & Permitting (DPP) introduced himself. He has been working for about two years with DPP. He graduated from the North Carolina State University and has a Master of Arts degree from the University of Hawaii. Also, he was an urban planning advisor for the United Nations.

His first handout was the EHSCP Five-Year Review Status report, which explained the following processes.

In January 2005, his boss, Bob Stanfield, had a community presentation at Aina Haina Library. For this five-year review, they have been conducting community interviews. They plan to prepare a draft plan and a draft report and review it internally. Then, they plan to have public review- two presentations to Hawaii-Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1 and the Kuli'ou'ou-Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 2 and another public workshop. Then, they would report to the City Council. There would be three public hearings before the City Council's final vote. It would also go to the Planning Commission. There would be six or seven opportunities for public input.

The second handout is the Executive Summary of the EHSCP, which can also be viewed at [http://honolulu.dpp.org/Planning/DevSust\\_EastHonolulu.asp](http://honolulu.dpp.org/Planning/DevSust_EastHonolulu.asp).

The third handout was the Vision Score card that described what has been achieved or has not.

The fourth handout was the Table of Housing Units, which shows growth in Ewa/West Oahu.

The fifth handout was the Capacity for Growth within Urban Community Boundary.

The sixth handout was a Question-and-Answer Matrix compiled from the first public workshop held last January 2005, and from other public input venues. The answers would not be a part of the EHSCP, but would be included in the report to the City Council.

Comments followed.

1. Board member Spangler mentioned that she wanted to see the answers to the public questions before the report is given to the City Council, because this Board may not agree with some of the answers. Senter replied that they are still receiving questions. Board member Spangler wanted the community to be involved with the answers. Senter responded that the community could have input after the draft plan is presented to the Council.

From her personal experience, Board member Spangler said she is wary of government agencies not listening to, or understanding public input, and changing the intent in their final report. She wanted to have "our minutes reflect" that she considers this (the Question/Answer Matrix) would be an improper form for the updated EHSCP, because it has no accompanying answers. In 1998, she had worked on and voted for the East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan (EHSCP). She feels very strongly about this document, and feels the public should know if builders, contractors, developer, or even the Board of Water Supply is asking a question. She had asked for copies of all of the documents earlier. Senter sent some by e-mail. Chair Chuck mentioned that he sent copies to Board member's e-mail addresses.

Board member Spangler mentioned that not everyone works off of e-mail, and that some people like to read and write on a "hard copy." As she does not like to work off of e-mails, she thanked Senter for the "hard copies" of his handouts.

2. Board member Sutton mentioned that his e-mail address was [kimos@mac.com](mailto:kimos@mac.com).

Senter continued his presentation-

The seventh handout was the "McNeil" letter, a letter from Director Henry Eng to a Hawaii Kai resident, Mr. David McNeil, which gives a good explanation of development in Hawaii Kai, but could also apply to the Kuli'ou'ou-Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 2.

It mentioned that development and growth are determined by the City Council, not by the DPP. Urban development is prohibited outside the Urban Community Boundary. The letter also mentions Plan Amendments, which are submitted to the Planning Commission and subject to public hearing. They must pass three public hearings and votes of the City Council.

Chair Chuck wanted Board members Spangler and Starr to comment.

Board member Sheri Spangler mentioned that she just got the "hard copies" of the documents tonight, and they look very different from the 1998 EHSCP.

She wanted to know the enforcement of EHSCP. There is supposed to be no development outside the Urban Growth Boundary, but some zoning were changed almost immediately after the Council passed the EHSCP in 1998, and that allowed for even more development and density. Senter would look into the 1998 situation, but a possible reason may have been that the developer may have had the approval before the EHSCP was finally passed. Board member Spangler mentioned the January community meeting in Hawaii Kai and that Don Bremmer, a former city planner, mentioned that there are proposed changes to the City Charter.

Senter would follow up on the 1998 situation and the City Charter amendments. Board member Spangler asked him to report back on this matter.

Board member Michael Parke mentioned that the Planning Commission was advisory only with no power. The City Council ignored the 1998 EHSCP. The City Charter amendments may give the Planning Commission more power over zoning issues, like on the neighbor islands.

Board member Spangler was concerned that Senator Sam Slom mentioned that Mayor Mufi Hannemann mentioned a train traveling to Hawaii Kai and that part of the budget was for condemnation of land. She believes that Kuli'ou'ou-Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 2 should be pro-active in protecting the current view-plains of this corridor. She added that Kalaniana'ole Highway speed limit is 35 miles per hour, because it passes through residential communities. Kalaniana'ole is not the "freeway" to Hawaii Kai.

Board members Michael Parke and Fran Kagawa left the meeting at 8:12 PM.

Board member Starr mentioned that she was looking at the agenda and she did not see mention of the Paiko Hillside Estate across Paiko Drive which is accessible via the Board of Water Supply property.

Senter mentioned some discussions by the DPP with Paiko Partners, which has recently purchased the property. In order to develop this Paiko Hillside, they need to get the urban community boundaries changed, State zoning changed, and changed zoning with the City and County of Honolulu. The DPP sees no need to grow outside of the current urban boundary.

Board member Starr asked if under existing conditions, could Paiko Partners build one large luxury home on Paiko Hillside. Senter said he would have to check the zoning.

Paiko Ridge Partners, LLC, a California company, bought the property behind the Board of Water tank. The BWS has given them access. If they wanted to develop the property Senter repeated that they would have to change the Development Plan, change the State zoning from preservation to urban, and get zoning from DPP. So far, he sees no effort to change the urban growth boundary.

Board member Starr was also concerned that people would buy older homes, knock them down, and build a "monster home" with minimal property-line setbacks. Senter thinks that this example comes under the Land Use Ordinance (LUO), not the EHSCP.

Chair Chuck asked about the Waldorf High School's attempt to be established in Nui Valley. Senter mentioned the Plan mentioned only two high schools, one in Hawaii Kai and the other in Kalani-Iki. However, Table 21-3 of the LUO mentions that private high schools are allowed in residential zones with a CUP.

Resident Bruce Honda mentioned that there is a three-tiered process: the General Plan, the EHSCP, and the LUO. The LUO cannot supersede the other two. He agreed with Board member Spangler that it is an enforcement issue. He further mentioned that regarding the King's Cathedral at the Nui Valley shopping center, the DPP violated the Development Plan, The EHSCP, and the LUO because no public hearing notice was given. He distributed a packet of background materials.

Board member Jeannine Johnson agreed with Bruce Honda and mentioned that the DPP has also violated the Kailua Sustainable Communities Plan, which allowed no "bed and breakfasts" or vacation rentals. There was no

enforcement. Don Bremmer at the Kamilonui Valley Community meeting on January 26 talked about the Kailua situation and the amendments to the Charter Commission.

Board member Spangler asked about page three of the Executive Summary, it reads:

"3.6 Non-residential development - Identify and define commercial uses in various categories appropriate to the character and needs of East Honolulu's communities, including: neighborhood commercial centers; the regional town center; and areas supporting resort and institutional uses."

She asked is there a map of resort areas and their exact boundaries of East Honolulu. Senter replied that the Plan does not see any need for major new schools, new resorts or institutional uses in East Honolulu. Then, she asked why is this in the Executive Summary?

Board member Starr mentioned a planned motel or lodge on Kamehame Ridge is in the existing 1998 EHSCP, which the Hawaii Kai residents opposed. Chair Chuck suggested that Senter take these two comments back and work on them.

Board member Starr mentioned that existing public access pathways to beaches typically are narrow enough to be easily blocked, and to allow for only one wheelchair or stroller to be safely on the pathway at any one time. She suggests a law, rule, and/or policy for much wider accessible and usable public beach pathways that would comfortably accommodate walking pedestrians plus the additional width for two wheelchairs to travel side-by-side. Board member Johnson mentioned the increase in Niu Valley of multi-generational families. She wants more parks and playgrounds in Niu Valley. Senter welcomed her input.

Board member Spangler requested a hard copy of the EHSCP updates. She encouraged the Board to review these documents closely. She does not want an at-grade mass-transit-train nor an elevated rail going through the East Honolulu corridor, nor parking lots for the train station users nor the loss of privacy for homeowners along the corridor.

Chair Chuck asked Senter to come back in two months with a draft plan, distributed before the meeting.

Board member Sutton proposed a joint meeting with Hawaii Kai NB# 1. Board member Spangler agreed. Senter mentioned that Bob Stanfield gave a presentation to the Hawaii Kai Board on November 2005. Chair Chuck was assured that Senter would come to this Board before the Council votes on the updated EHSCP. Senter mentioned the timeline was to have a Council vote by the end of this year.

Board member Ted Ashworth asked about the Hawaii Kai Board. Senter mentioned that Bob Stanfield gave a presentation to the Hawaii Kai Board in November. Board member Ted Ashworth mentioned that in Hawaii Kai they are concerned about a proposed cemetery and the possibility of developing current farmlands.

Chair Chuck thanked Senter.

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS-**

**Senator Sam Slom:** Senator Slom distributed his newsletter and highlighted the following:

1. He mentioned that they passed the halfway mark to the closing of this legislative session, which is scheduled to close on May 4. No major bills have been passed.
2. The States revenue surplus is approaching \$600 million.
3. He favors repeal of the "Bottle Tax," but the bill hasn't been heard. There's a bill so that now, the 2-litre bottles would be included (under 69 ounces) in the tax. The bottle-tax-fund is now \$23 million. The Governor has introduced a bill to raid the fund of \$1.6 million, with \$500,000 going to the Department of Health, \$500,000 to the City and County of Honolulu, and \$200,000 to each of the neighboring counties. There is another bill, giving \$1.5 million to fund community litter projects, but nothing for curbside recycling.
4. The House wants to repeal the "Gas Cap," but in the Senate, Senator Ron Menor, Chair of the Commerce, Consumer Protection and Housing Committee said that he will not give it a hearing.

5. The Housing and Community Development Authority (HCDA) presented their mauka/makai plans for high rises for Alexander and Baldwin Co. He is against the selling of State oceanfront land and the development of private luxury high-rise condominiums. Senator Slom would like to abolish the HCDA. This is the only thing Senator Slom has agreed with (then-State Senator, now-U.S. Congressman) Neil Abercrombie in 40 years.
6. Concerning the City Charter, Senator Slom has favored initiative, referendum and term limits for legislators for years.
7. Senate Bill 2580, relates to criminal trespass in public parks, this bill would repeal the petty misdemeanor offense. He agrees with the Kuli'ou'ou-Kalani Iki NB#2 and would vote against this bill on the Senate floor.
8. House Bill 2743 concerns Wailupe School. It would create a Facilities Alignment Commission that could close small schools, like Wailupe. He opposes this bill.
9. Regarding Board member Spangler's concern about the train coming to Hawaii Kai, Senator Slom mentioned that Mayor Hannemann had mentioned in his State of the City that the rail system is planned to go to Hawaii Kai and his budget includes \$50 million for "land acquisition".
10. Concerning a recent Supreme Court case, he opposes the taking of private property (condemnation of private property) for private economical development.

Comments followed.

1. Board member Johnson mentioned that when she went to the Capitol to testify, there was no parking at the Capitol and surrounding areas. Senator Slom mentioned that the Legislature doesn't want the public there.
2. Board member Starr mentioned the now under construction Block-J (Pflueger-Honda parcel) could provide more parking. It seems that there is less public parking over there after the project is built. Alii Place has two floors for public parking, but they fill up quickly.

Chair Chuck thanked Senator Slom.

**Representative Barbara Marumoto:** Representative Marumoto had distributed her newsletter and highlighted the following:

1. She also commented on the lack of public parking in and around the State Capitol for constituents who want to participate in the legislative processes.
2. The "Gas Cap" repeal bill may pass in the House.
3. She favors lowering and widening the annual income tax brackets, which should lessen the tax burden for the low and middle class.
4. House Bill 1791- Concerning the Department of Education's "weighted student formula," the Kaiser Complex and the Kalani Complex would lose money. She wants to use part of the surplus to give money to the needy schools, but don't cut the East Honolulu schools.
5. House Bill 1790- there is money in the budget for Leahi Hospital. Because of the booming economy, the prices for construction are going up.
6. House Bill 2042- would establish a statewide victim notification system. Victims would be notified when criminals are released.
7. The Kidney Foundation will honor Senator Hiram Fong on March 31. There is a \$250 per ticket cost. See former Representative and Board member Bertha Leong to buy tickets.

Comments followed.

1. Board member Kimo Sutton suggested manufactured housing for housing in Hawaii. Senator Slom mentioned that several years ago, there were five housing manufacturing plants on American Factors (AMFAC) land, but opposed by the construction and trades unions.
2. Board member Spangler mentioned that in Kalani Iki the sound bounces and there is a lot of noise from Kalani High School. Floodlights from tennis courts are not pointed down. She has received many complaints from the neighbors. Representative Marumoto suggested contacting the Kalani High School Principal.

Chair Chuck thanked Representative Marumoto.

**Representative Lyla Berg:** (9:07 p.m.) Representative Berg distributed her newsletter and highlighted the following:

1. She received a citizen's concern to request that the City remove an empty electrical power box near Niu Valley School. This one has been repeatedly repainted by Graffiti Buster Bill Paul.
2. Concerning the update on the Niu Valley playground equipment, it passed the House, the \$100,000 funding looks good.
3. She announced her Calendar of Events- School Community Council Leadership Forum on Friday, March 3; "Talk Story about Education" with the Kaiser Complex Schools on March 15 and the Kalani Complex Schools in April; Hawaii Human Rights Day on Thursday, March 16 and her had a registration form; University Student Forum on Saturday, March 18; and "Lawmakers Listen" on Wednesday, March 29.
4. House Bill 2743 (as Senator Slom mentioned) would create a Commission to evaluate when and how to keep small schools open, with her amendments. She is sheparding "Early Childhood Education" initiatives, this may help keep the smaller schools open.
5. She supports a bill proposing the establishment of an environmental court, which deal with wharfs and piers.
6. She has included in her report the update of current session bills-for-an-act.
7. There was a bill concerning "Eminent Domain," and it passed the Water, Land and Ocean Resources Committee. She favors a study of all State owned lands, with each of their potential for sale, and the Office of State Planning to give the Legislature a detail updated report. She welcomed your e-mails and testimonies.

Comments followed.

1. Board member Starr said she was notified that City Fire Prevention Bureau citations for fire safety rules or regulation violations for State owned or State controlled buildings and/or facilities are not enforceable, and most often are not remedied nor fixed, because the State is immune from any City action.
2. Board member Johnson clarified that when she gives testimony to legislative bodies she will do it in this manner:. If the Board passes a motion on a specific Bill or item, then she can represent the Board when she submits testimony. Otherwise, she will make presentation as her personal testimony. Johnson had checked this policy with Chair Chuck and he concurred.
3. Board member Ashworth asked for an update of the bills he was e-mailed. In the interest of time Representative Berg would e-mail it to him and mentioned that crossover of bills is next Tuesday.
4. Board member Spangler mentioned the State boundary review, Representative Berg mentioned that the Hawaii Kai NB#1 had a similar concern. Representative Berg has written to Laura Thielen, Office of State Planning.

5. Representative Lyla Berg and the Principal of Niu Valley Middle School requested altering the bus route to detour off of Kalanianaʻole Highway to pick up students in the afternoons and drop off the students in the mornings. Chair Chuck mentioned that the request would go to Mayor's representative Hal Barnes, who would contact the Oahu Transportation Services (OTS). Board member Johnson also mentioned that it is for the safety of the kids and that Kaiser Complex would transfer sixth graders to Niu Valley Middle School. Board member Spangler asked if the community was involved in the discussion over the transfer. Representative Berg said that the elementary schools had numerous meetings and this would be a good issue to discuss at the "Talk Story about Education" with the Kaiser Complex Schools.

Chair Chuck thanked Representative Berg.

**Councilmember Charles Djou:** (9:26 p.m.) Francisco "Chico" Figueiredo distributed Councilmember Djou's newsletter and highlighted the following:

1. The City Council committee passed some real property tax bills. One would increase the homeowner's exemption for owners over 50 years of age from \$40,000 to \$80,000. (There would be no increase in property exemption for homeowners 60 to 65 years old.) When over 65 years old, then exemption increased to \$120,000. (There would be no increase in property exemption for homeowners over 75 years old.)
2. Councilmember Djou's curbside recycling bill would mandate a January 1, 2007 start.
3. You can contact the Charter Commission website- <http://www.honolulu.gov/chc>. It has the many Charter Commission proposals. They want to have outreach forums islandwide.

Comments followed.

1. Board member Johnson was disappointed that Niu Valley playground equipment was not in the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). There were 55 percent for sewers and 45 percent for parks. Chico would look into it.
2. Chair Chuck requested a copy of Councilmember Djou's letter to Henry Eng, Director of DPP about the Waldorf High School. Chico would pass copies on to other interested people.

Chair Chuck thanked Figueiredo.

**MAYOR MUFI HANNEMANN'S REPRESENTATIVE:** - Hal Barnes, Special Assistant to the Mayor, reported the following:

1. The Mayor's representative, Alfred Tanaka, is meeting with the Oahu Civil Defense about the severe flooding on the Windward side. Mr. Barnes' areas of expertise include the budget and the City Charter. Concerning the Mayor's budget, it is a "no frills" budget, with debt service and deferred maintenance. Only 30 percent is funded by the real property taxes, 10 percent Federal funds and 54 percent sewer revenue bonds.
2. Although Senator Slom had left the meeting earlier, Barnes wanted to amplify on Senator Slom's earlier statement that Mayor Hanneman had mentioned, in his State of the City address, that the Mayor's budget has \$50 million which includes use for "land acquisition". Barnes said that the \$50 million is a special fund that will be used for planning and design. He offered his e-mail [address-hbarnes@honolulu.gov](mailto:address-hbarnes@honolulu.gov) and he was willing to e-mail a copy of the budget to interested parties.
3. Barnes also reported that the train may be going to Hawaii Kai, but not in the next 25 years. The Mayor, like Senator Slom, opposes the government taking of private property for private development. It is okay for public use.
4. Concerning the City donation to the Palolo Chinese Home, previous Mayor Jeremy Harris worked out a deal with a previous Councilmember from that district. There is now a process to distribute Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Block Grant money to the Lunalilo Homes. Resident Roberta Choy mentioned that the Lunalilo Homes is not as wealthy as some other Hawaiian organizations.

5. Barnes mentioned that on Monday, Mayor Hannemann would announce some good news about the Honolulu Triathlon.

Comments followed.

1. Board member Starr wanted to thank the Mayor's Representative for removing an abandoned boat and boat-trailer from her neighborhood.
2. Barnes had a written report of last month's concerns and mentioned that he would give it to Chair Chuck.
3. There would be a City Charter Commission meeting on March 28 or April 4.

Chair Chuck thanked Barnes.

(Several Board members left the meeting.)

**Governor Linda Lingle's Representative-** No Governor's representative was present.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Having less than a quorum remaining, Chair Chuck adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted by K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by Board Chair Bob Chuck and Board member Linda Starr